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Final defendant pleads guilty for role in Richmond Hill explosion case

(Indianapolis, Ind.) Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry announced today that Glenn Hults has pleaded guilty to Assisting a Criminal (Class D Felony) for his involvement in the Richmond Hill explosion that occurred in November 2012 on the south side of Indianapolis. Hults admitted his knowledge and subsequent failure to notify law enforcement of Mark Leonard, Bob Leonard, Jr., Monserrate Shirley, and Gary Thompson's intent to destroy Shirley's home for insurance money. The incident at Shirley's residence ignited an explosion and resulting fire at the next door home of John D. and Jennifer Longworth, causing their deaths. Numerous nearby homes were also damaged in the explosion.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, a potential sentence for Hults is left to the discretion of the court. A sentencing hearing is scheduled for December 28 at 1:00 p.m. in Criminal Court 3.

Mark Leonard and Bob Leonard, Jr. were previously convicted by a jury and sentenced to Life Without Parole for their roles in the crime. A fourth individual, Gary Thompson, pleaded guilty in August to Conspiracy to Commit Arson (Class A Felony). A sentencing hearing is scheduled for December 2 at 10:30 a.m. in Criminal Court 3. Pursuant to the plea agreement, Thompson will receive a 30 year sentence, with 20 years executed in the Indiana Department of Correction.

Lastly, a sentencing hearing for Monserrate Shirley is scheduled for December 19 at 9:00 a.m. in Criminal Court 3.